

## Kids In Cars

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Some parents think it is okay to leave a child alone in a car while they run into a store, drop off dry cleaning or while dropping off another child at school or day care; however the dangers of doing so are real.

Risks include abduction, heat stroke, hypothermia, vehicles starting to move, trunk entrapment, fatal car crashes and vehicle fires. Accidents can happen anywhere including in your own garage and driveway. The following tips can prevent accidents in or around vehicles.

- *Keep vehicles locked at all times-even in the garage or driveway.*
- *Never leave keys within the reach of children.*
- *Teach children to never play in or around vehicles.*
- *Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.*
- *Make sure all young passengers have left your car after it is parked.*
- *When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately.*
- *If a child is locked inside a vehicle, get them out as quickly as possible. If needed call 911.*

If you see a child left unattended in a vehicle, it is your responsibility to report it to the Police Department. Leaving a child unattended in or around a vehicle (meaning the oldest person in the vehicle is less than twelve years of age) is unlawful.

## Neighborhood Watch involved in Mock Kidnapping Training Scenario

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Your world can turn upside down in a flash if your child is discovered missing.

Time is of the essence no matter the reason why the child is missing. According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, if a child is legitimately missing for one hour, 44% of cases result in death. If children are missing for 3 hours it jumps to 74%, 24 hours is 91%, and 7 days equals 99%.

In order to be prepared, several Sandy Neighborhood Watch groups and Police Officers were involved in a Mock Kidnapping Training Scenario on February 21st.

The Mock Kidnapping was a huge success, taking 1 1/2 hours to find the missing child rather than the expected 3-4 hours.

Because time is so valuable, being prepared allows the search process to move faster.

**If your child is missing, immediately report the incident to the Police Department. Limit access to your home/crime scene until law enforcement arrives and has collected possible evidence.**

**Put together Identification Kits (including fingerprints, DNA samples, and pictures) for all your loved ones.** Have these kits available to give to the Police Department if needed.

**As Neighborhood Watch, be prepared to implement phone trees and to search yards, nearby parks, alleys, and so forth.**

## Trail Highlights, Rocky Mouth Trail

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The Rocky Mouth Trail is the secret gem of Sandy's hiking trails. Nestled between Big Willow Canyon and Dry Gulch, the trail starts out steep with stairs and a narrow climb. However, if you endure the first part of the climb, the trail levels off and you are rewarded with a beautiful, secluded waterfall and views of the valley. The distance from the trailhead to the waterfall is one quarter mile with a 557 foot elevation gain. The trailhead is located along the east side of Wasatch Boulevard at approximately 11200 South and there is plenty of parking at the trailhead on most days. Be sure to bring drinking water and wear sturdy shoes for this hike. Also, remember this hike is located within the watershed, so please obey all watershed restrictions and refrain from bringing dogs into this area. This is a great hike for those wishing to get away without hiking too far.

